

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, July 12, 1884, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Manchester, Mass. July 12, 1884. My dearest Alec:

Your pencil note from Chicago was a welcome surprise, I am only so sorry my letter yesterday did not go, I forgot it.

I am so very glad you went to see Aunt Fannie, I have no doubt she enjoyed your call and I wanted you to be as kind as you could to her, she has had such a hard and sad life.

I have just sent off my checques to Charlie, but won't you please be as careful as you can, it is just the small bills that make up the big total, and I have some very large bills to pay and no money to do it with.

What am I to do about the requests for your line writing I couldn't read half your letter which I thought was very hard as the notes are so few and far between.

I cannot think of anything to say, Maurice they say is pretty comfortable today, but Oh, I fear the end cannot be far off. His eyes stand out from his face and have an awful look in them, which I could not meet. If he gets much worse won't you come home? I feel as if by and by Papa should not be left alone. Poor Sister, her face has grown very thin and there are lines around her eyes and they look red and swollen. Think of it, she has never been out of the house since she came, or even down the front stairs, she never leaves him except to make his soup, which as often as not he won't take.

I must go and try and pay some of my bills now, so with 2 much love,

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Your own Mabel. Perrin has just come to ask for money to buy liniment for Secondo, he fears her lame foot is in a pretty serious way.